

Commissioner William F. Hagerty, IV

Department of Economic and Community Development

William F. Hagerty, IV was sworn in as Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development by Governor Bill Haslam on January 15, 2011. As head of the state agency primarily responsible for job creation in Tennessee, Commissioner Hagerty is on leave from Hagerty Peterson, LLC, a merchant bank and private equity firm he founded.

Hagerty has served on a number of corporate boards including RJ O'Brien, the nation's largest independent futures and commodities firm, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, a global publisher that is the largest K-12 educational content provider in the United States, and Birch Telecom, one of the nation's largest competitive carriers. Hagerty has served in a number of senior executive positions with companies such as CyMed, the nation's third largest medical records company and NEW Customer Services Company, the nation's largest electronics warranty company. He was an early investor in Mapquest, which subsequently went public and was acquired by AOL/Time Warner. His international experience includes having served as CEO of ALAM, Ltd, a joint venture private equity investment platform majority owned by Lehman Brothers, which he helped establish with offices in Hong Kong and Beijing, China.

Hagerty also worked for the Boston Consulting Group for seven years and spent three years based in Tokyo, Japan where he served as senior expatriate with responsibilities throughout Asia.

In 2007 and 2008, Hagerty served on a voluntary basis as a National Finance Chairman for the Romney for President campaign and later served on the transition planning team in the 2008 general election for John McCain's presidential campaign. In 2012, Hagerty served as a senior leader for the Romney/Ryan transition project, where he led a 124 person team responsible for screening and placing the Cabinet, senior White House staff and key Ambassadorial appointments for the prospective President-elect. During the first Bush Administration, Hagerty served on the White House Domestic Policy staff as a member of the President's Council on Competitiveness where his portfolio included international trade, financial markets, telecommunications and defense. Hagerty was also a White House Fellow, where he served on the staffs of the NASA Administrator and the Vice President.

Hagerty attended Vanderbilt University where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in economics. He also attended Vanderbilt University Law School where he was a Wilson Scholar and associate editor of the Law Review. He and his family reside in Nashville, Tenn. where they are members of St. George's Episcopal Church.